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Subject: MLPAComments: Olive Rockfish Tag - Swims 280 miles?

Mr. Ed Roberts:

I read with great interest Carrie Wilson's article about your discovery of an Olive Rockfish that apparently swim from Santa Cruz Island in South California to the Farrallon Islands near San Francisco, nearly 280 miles! I see that you and Dr. Doyle A. Hanan have tagged over 4,000 rockfish from Morro Bay to Southern California since 2002. Do you have any results of your study yet? When will that data be made available?

I was interested in your opinion if you think this is an anomaly or if maybe these near shore rockfish do in fact migrate great distances. The general science position is that rockfish are local residences and therefore MPA's are currently being designed based on that assumption. Could this new information (best available science) help us in our design of MPA's ([Blue Ribbon Task Force and MLPA Initiative](#))? Would you be able to contribute to the MLPA process by contacting the [Science Advisory Task](#) and share your new findings with them so that we have the best data available. We appear to be using bad science in developing our goals and objectives for new MPA's. Could you help us?

Thank you on behalf of the Central Coast Regional Stakeholders Group.

Jay Elder, Alternate Harbors

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